



the Martinez family

church planting in louisville, colorado

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Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

We are off and running! Coal Creek Baptist Church is now one month old. It's hard to believe how quickly time is moving. We held our first service on Sunday morning October 7. We had 27 in attendance that morning, including 14 from the Louisville area. It was a tremendous blessing to see the Lord send folks our way. Over the course of the following four weeks we have averaged 10 in our services and only had one Sunday where no one from the community was present.

Over the course of the past week we've received the blessing of having two families let us know that they believe the Lord would have them to be a part of what the Lord is going to do through Coal Creek. I had the privilege of performing the wedding for one of these couples in September. They were in my youth group when I was in high school, but over the course of the past decade had drifted away from the Lord. He contacted me last year, shortly following my ordination, and asked if I would be willing to perform their ceremony. I agreed, seeing it as an opportunity to invest in their lives. In August and September we were able to spend several sessions together for premarital counseling focusing on their relationship with the Lord. God had already been working on their hearts about the need to get back into church. They were able to be there for our first service, but work schedules have kept them from being able to come the last few weeks. They let us know this past week that he is done traveling for the next several months, following his final trip this next week, and her employer is no longer going to be open on Sundays. We ask you to pray for the Johnson family. The other family is an older couple that we met out door knocking the week before our first service. She is a Baptist preacher's daughter and he was saved and baptized in a Baptist church. Because they had not been able to find a good Baptist church locally they had been attending a non-denominational church in Boulder. Just the day before I knocked on the door they had been talking about the need to find a new church. He is very involved in the ministry at their church and felt they needed to leave their church the right way. He came our first Sunday and loved the service. His wife was unable to come because she has recently contracted shingles. We visited them a couple of times and tried to be a help and blessing to them. We did not see him in a service again until this past Sunday when he came with tears in his eyes and told me that they had been praying about it and they want to be a part of the church. He told me, "I'm 88 years old and have never seen the start of a church. I want to be a part of God doing something great!" You have no idea what an encouragement that was. Please pray for Calvin and Bobbe. Calvin wants to wait until Bobbe can be here so they join the church together. Pray for the Lord to raise her up to full health.

On the home front we are getting very close to the arrival of our precious Kinsley Rea. We have a c-section scheduled for November 24, but the doctors don't believe Tarah will make it that long. We are busy trying to get everything ready for her arrival. The kids are super excited and are being very helpful. Please continue to pray for a safe delivery. We also ask you to pray for more churches to partner with us financially and most importantly for God to soften the hearts of those who we come into contact with. May the Lord bless you as you serve Him!

Because of Calvary.

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